
Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:

Advent Display: Ken Guerin

Hands of Display: Pastor Erin, Anna-Lee Thompson, Alyssa Guerin, Ella Butcher, and Tracy Woodfield

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Dance Movement Choir Video: Acc: S. E. Hays and J. Dixon, Featuring Dance Movement Choir and very young "Guest Artists"

Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:

Christmas Eve Service Livestream Only at this service. No In-Person Worship.

Visit <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/worship/on-line-worship/> for more information.

Christmas is Not Your Birthday (CNYB)

For more information about CNYB visit

<https://www.trinityspringfield.org/ministries/mission-justice/>. To donate online, click [here](#).

12 Days of Boar's Head Starts January 1

Visit <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/>

For a new video each day.

Got prayer requests?

If you have a joy, concern, or prayer request you would like to add to our virtual prayer tree, email prayers@trinityspringfield.org. Those prayer requests will be added to the hidden prayer tree page on Trinity's website. For access, see the Thursday Thoughts email newsletter. Let us keep one another in prayer at this time.

Trinity's Holiday Hours

Trinity Church will be closed December 25 through January 2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor René at the parsonage: 413-733-1567.

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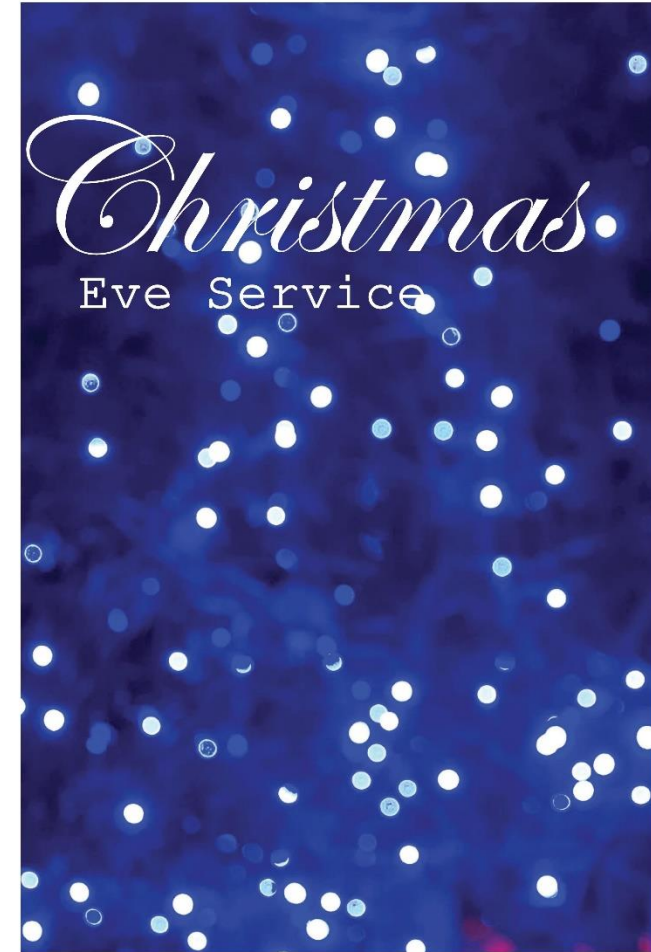
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Associate Pastor, Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore

Senior Pastor, Rev. René Perez



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

Christmas Eve On-Line Service ~ December 24, 2020 8:30 p.m.

** See words to the right

- Prelude:** “Angels We Have Heard on High”
Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin and Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute
- Welcome & Announcements**
- Introit:** “Do You Hear What I Hear” N. Regney
Hannah and Leah Rosenman
- Opening Prayer:** **
- Carol:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
- The Light Breaks Through the Darkness**
- Scripture: John 1:1-14 Reader: Leah Rosenman
Musical Response: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel
Borys Bakum, vocal & guitar
- The Light as A Proclamation of Hope**
- Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 Reader: Hannah Rosenman
Musical Response: “What Child Is This” L. Larson
Sonja Funk, soprano
- The Light Turns Darkness to Hope**
- Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6, 7 Reader: Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore
Musical Response: “Candlelight Carol” J. Rutter
Dance Movement Choir Video
- Celebrating The Light**
- Liturgy for Celebrating the Christ Candle ** Words & Music by G. Elderkin/J. Raney
- Meditation:** “God’s Amazing Hope.”
- Offertory Prayer:** “Christmas Is Not Your Birthday” Offering
- Closing Response:** “O Holy Night” A. Adams
Sonja Funk, soprano
- Benediction**
- Postlude:** “Silent Night, Holy Night” O. Gjeilo
Chad Thompson, piano

Opening Prayer: *(The United Church of Canada. Lessons and Carols 2016)*

God of star and stable, you lead us to wonder and to hope. You gather us together to hear your promise of love. Like the shepherds who sought the stable, we seek your promise of peace. We pray for your people broken by violence, those who live with fear, and those who live without hope. Like the wise ones who dedicated their gifts, we remember those in need. We pray for those who are lonely, hungry, or forgotten; for those who are ill in body and in spirit; for those who are confused or afraid. We pray for your joy and love, for all your people. Holy One, you came as a child, offering renewal of spirit and of living. May our prayers be a new beginning: for healing, truth, and trust. May we embody love that is forgiving, compassionate, and gracious. We pray these things in the name of Jesus who became the Christ. Amen.

Liturgy for Lighting the Advent Candles:

(A Gospel Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony, Hope Publishing)

Words of Introduction

Musical Introduction

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to celebrate

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We celebrate that joy that is in Christ Jesus.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We proclaim a victory that is stronger than any defeat.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We proclaim a peace that is stronger than any conflict.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

We proclaim a freedom that is stronger than any bondage.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Candle Lighting

Tonight we light all of the candles and as we light the last candle – the Christ Candle – we are reminded that we are to celebrate the message of Christmas by proclaiming what Christ has done, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Musical Response

Closing Prayer

God in heaven, we thank you for guiding us through our Advent journey. Through waiting, watching, preparing, and praising, we are now ready to celebrate. Help us receive the glory of Christmas as we rejoice in the fact that you have come to us through the gift of Christ, the Redeemer and Savior of the world. Amen.

Musical Response: “Joy to the World”